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APPLICATION NUMBER FILING DATE FIRST NAMED APPLICANT ATTY. DOCKET NO. 087933,792 09/19/97 KUSTER Н 24736-26006 EXAMINER HM32/0802 STEPHANIE L. SEIDMAN HELLER EHRMAN WHITE & MCAULIFFE RHIMA 4250 EXECUTIVE SQUARE, 7TH FLOOR ART UNIT PAPER NUMBER LA JOLLA CA 92037 1623 DATE MAILED: This is a communication from the examiner in charge of your application. COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE ACTION SUMMARY Responsive to communication(s) filed on _ 5-20-99 This action is FINAL. Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 D.C. 11; 453 O.G. 213. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire _ whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this communication. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause application to become abandoned. (35 U.S.C. § 133). Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1. 136(a). Disposition of Claims Claim(s) Of the above, claim(s) _ is/are pending in the application. is/are withdrawn from consideration. Claim(s) Claim(s) _is/are allowed. Claim(s) is/are rejected. Claim(s) _is/are objected to. are subject to restriction or election requirement. **Application Papers** See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948. The drawing(s) filed on _ is/are objected to by the Examiner. The proposed drawing correction, filed on he specification is objected to by the Examiner. __is

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disapproved. he oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d). All Some* None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received. received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). *Certified copies not received: Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

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The reply filed on 5-20-99 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the applicant has failed to indicate where precisely in the disclosure there is support for the subject matter of each of the new claims as well as the amended subject matter of the original claims. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The information disclosure statement filed 1-21-99 and 2-3-99 and 4-28-99 fail to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3) because they do not include a concise explanation of the relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 CFR 1.56© most knowledgeable about the content of the information, of each patent listed that is not in the English language. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Because applicant has submitted over 300 references, the examiner requests that he identify the

ten references most relevant to the invention

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Kunz, whose telephone number is (703) 308-

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4623. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday through Friday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, supervisors

Cecilia Tsang (703-308-0254) or Gary Jones (703-308-1152) may be contacted. The
fax phone number for this Group is (703) 308-4556.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1235.

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